

OFFERS TO MEDIATE IN WAR

President Wilson Willing to Accept Services of Chile, Brazil and Argentina to Settle the Mexican Crisis.

INTEREST OF PEACE TO STOP BLOODSHED

Condition Made by President In His Acceptance of the Mediation Plan.

VILLA IS FRIENDLY

Wants Blockade Continued and Says He Will Push on to the Capital.

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—The United States agreed to accept any proper plan which Brazil, Argentina and Chile could propose, provided it was satisfactory to Huerta, whereby there might be an honorable settlement of the matters in dispute between this country and the Huertan government.

An offer to mediate was made to the United States Government this afternoon. President Wilson and his cabinet took the matter under consideration until tonight.

The acceptance was coupled with the statement that aggression on the part of those who control Mexican military forces might compel this government to act promptly and withdraw. In the meantime it was agreed that anything the arbiters were able to do would be co-operated in by the United States.

Secretary Daniels announced tonight that this question of mediation will make no change for the present at least in the movements of the Navy in Mexican waters.

The representatives of these three nations offered their services in "the interest of peace and civilization of our continent and with the earnest desire to prevent any further bloodshed to the prejudice of cordiality and union, which have always surrounded relations of governments and peoples of America."

The suggestion had already been made to Mr. Bryan. Through Bryan the President replied:

"Conscious of the purpose with which the proffer is made, this government does not feel at liberty to decline it. Its own chief interest is the peace of America, cordial intercourse of the republics and the happiness and prosperity which can only spring from frank mutual understanding. The generous offer of your governments is therefore accepted. This government hopes most earnestly you may find those who speak for the several elements of the Mexican people and ready to discuss terms of satisfactory and therefore permanent settlement. If you should find them willing this government will be glad to cooperate."

"Because relations have been broken off with Mexico and it is not certain that there shall be an uninterrupted opportunity to carry out the plans of intermediation, it is possible that some act of aggression on the part of those who control the military of Mexico might oblige the United States to act to upset the plans for immediate peace. But this does not justify us in hesitating to accept your generous suggestion. We shall hope for the best results in time brief enough to relieve our anxiety, lest ill considered demonstrations should disappoint our hopes of peace."

YESTERDAY'S WAR NEWS

By United Press.

Huerta ordered that no more Americans be permitted to leave Mexico City. It was reported in Vera Cruz that four Americans had been killed in Mexico City. One was murdered at the Y. M. C. A. Building and three were dragged from a street car.

Many soldiers are reported to have deserted Huerta's army.

O'Shaughnessy and his wife reached Vera Cruz. Many refugees were taken from his train and arrested. Members of his party said a reign of terror prevailed in the Capitol. They told of the dragging of George Washington's statue through the city, followed by a mob, who jeered and insulted Americans. The mob entered Por-

ter's Hotel, insulted the guests and broke windows. American stores were sacked. The American colony there is said to be concentrated in one zone for defense.

Every interior city in Mexico is said to be holding American prisoners as hostages.

President Wilson, Secretary Bryan and Postmaster General Burleson held a long conference on the administration's Mexican policy. Secretary Tamm and Rear-Admiral Blue were called in conference. No information was given out.

United States Marines took possession of Guaymas and Empalme on the west coast of Mexico without firing a shot.

The President signed the Army Volunteer bill.

Reported in Washington that Americans had been murdered by drunken peons. The situation, it is said, resembles the Boxer uprising in Peking. Bryan still believed that Huerta would protect the Americans there.

Navy officials admitted that in case Americans were killed in Mexico City, United States marines would enter Mexico City at any cost.

Preparations were made for military activity all along the Mexican border.

Consul Canada said the United States was ready to strike vigorously at any point in Mexico necessary.

British embassy confirmed the report that Huerta was preventing Americans from leaving Mexico on the ground that America was not allowing Mexicans to leave Vera Cruz.

Special trains took 900 Americans from Madero to El Paso. In Villa's country, the rebels cried, "Kill the Americans."

VILLA FOR BLOCKADE

Constitutionalist Wants Ports Closed Against Huerta by U. S.

By United Press.

JAUREZ, Mex., April 25.—"My personal wishes are that the United States continue to blockade Vera Cruz and all the ports held by Huerta," was the positive statement made today to the United Press by General Francisco Villa.

Villa seemed anxious to impress upon the United States that he had no intention of joining General Huerta. "If the United States will do this, we are sure to have a Constitutionalist army in Mexico City in a short time," Villa said.

AIR CRAFT BUSY AT LAST

Mexican "Snipers" Fled in Terror From Planes Flying Over Hills.

By United Press.

VERA CRUZ, April 25.—When two aeroplanes from the Battleship Mississippi started upon a reconnaissance flight, Mexican "snipers" in the sand hills beyond the city fled in terror. Constant "sniping" has been kept up by the Mexicans since the city was taken, but it stopped when the aeroplanes appeared. Army and Navy officers had an opportunity of observing the air craft working under actual war conditions. The Mexican camps in the sand hills could have been wiped out had bombs been dropped upon them.

RUSSIAN OFFICIALS HERE

College of Agriculture Visited by Government Representatives.

S. K. Lissogolsky and V. Nikitin, representatives of the Russian government, and William P. Anderson, Russian Agricultural Commissioner stationed in St. Louis, visited the College of Agriculture and the Agricultural Experiment Station Saturday morning. Mr. Lissogolsky and Mr. Nikitin came from St. Petersburg, Russia to make an inspection of Missouri's College of Agriculture.

WHAT CARTOONIST CHAPIN SAW IN THE MISSOURIAN OFFICE



FAIR AND COOLER TODAY

Weather Man Promises Good Strolling Weather.

The weather forecast today is continued fair and slightly cooler today.

SHRINERS TO ST. LOUIS

Local Men Will Attend Temple Dedication and Initiation.

The Shriners of Columbia, Sturgeon, Centralia, Nevada and other towns in this state went to St. Louis in a special car last night to attend the dedication of the new Moolah Temple and the initiation of candidates into the Arabic degree of the order.

The ceremony was held yesterday afternoon and night. The annual parade began at 5 o'clock at the Odeon. It ran South on Grand avenue to Lindell boulevard and West on Lindell to the new temple.

The new temple has just been finished, at a cost of \$1,000,000.

The Shriners who went in the special car from Columbia are: C. L. Brewer, R. C. Lucas, Capt. S. A. Smoke, Luther McCasky, L. E. Hill, Dozier Stone. The following candidates are also from Columbia: C. W. Furtney, Frank Bradford, Joe Paxton, George Ridgeway, S. M. Clemison, I. M. Barnes, Gip Courts, A. O. Long and Alex Petty. From Sturgeon, Dr. McCormick, J. H. Lightner and Omer D. Gray. From Centralia, E. Robinson, Charley Green and Ed Schmidt.

TWO FACULTIES PLAY BALL

Arts and Science Teachers Meet Agriculture Instructors.

The baseball team of the Arts and Science faculty played the Agriculture faculty yesterday afternoon on Rollins Field. The score was 7 to 3 in favor of the Agricultural faculty.

The Arts and Science line-up was: L. Arzroone catcher and captain; H. McC. Burrows, pitcher; C. H. Williams, first base; H. H. Scott, second base; DR Scott, short stop; P. L. Gaine, third base; C. W. Heaps, center field; W. A. Tarr, left field; L. M. Neumann, right field.

The Agriculture line-up was: Tom Reed, catcher; E. W. Hughes, pitcher; A. R. Evans, first base; L. G. Rinkle, second; W. M. Regan, short-stop and captain; R. L. Hudelson, third base; J. B. Gingery, right field; P. M. Brandt, center field; S. T. Simpson, left field.

Senior Engineers Won.

The Senior Civil Engineers' baseball team defeated the team of the first year Civil Engineers 9 to 4, Friday.

SHOWERS, SPIELERS, HEAT, AT FARM FAIR

Four Thousand See Follies, Minstrels, Sirkuss and the Many Side Shows.

"Why, that was a real fair, from start to finish!" exclaimed a freshman who had just returned from the Farmers' Fair given by the students in the College of Agriculture. "I bought pop and red lemonade, went to a lot of side-shows and slid down the bump-de-bumps. I've seen so much now I'm sleepy."

The ninth annual Farmers' County Fair took place Friday in the traditional circus-day atmosphere of heat, April showers and irresistible spikers. Nearly four thousand, University students, Columbia people and out-of-town visitors attended. The receipts of the day amounted to \$2,255.

The fair grounds were east of the Dairy Building. Along both sides of the pike twenty-four side shows bearing such placards as: "The Best Way to Raise Young Men," "Freaks of Nature," "Hell's Half Acre," "Devil of China," "Ancient Corn Cobs," "The Palace of Mirth," "University Styles" and "The Pigmy Quartette" drew out the one and two-cent tickets. The "Ragtime Dance Hall" seemed to be especially enjoyed by the young women.

TEXAS MEETS TIGERS NEXT

Baseball Games on Rollins Field Tomorrow and Tuesday.

The baseball team of the University of Texas will play here Monday and Tuesday afternoons. The team is exceptionally strong, having won 15 out of 16 games against strong teams. There are 13 "T" men on the squad. The Texans defeated the Chinese team, which played here last week. The Texans have four good pitchers. They defeated the second team of the New York Giants and also defeated the Austin league team 7 to 0.

The captain of the Chinese team, when here, stated that he considered the University of Missouri team to be as strong as that of Texas. Both games will be called at 4:15 o'clock. Angerer will pitch the first game if he is in condition.

Accompanied by Robertus Love, special writer, A. B. Chapin, cartoonist on the St. Louis Republic, came to Columbia Friday to get sketches of the Farmers' Fair for a special page in the Republic a week from today. Mr. Chapin visited the University Missou-



Chapin office and the above cartoon tells in the inimitable Chapin way what he saw. The accompanying cut is a snapshot of Mr. and Mrs. Chapin on the West Campus.

FOOD INSPECTOR COMING

Examination of Stores to Be Made Here This Week.

F. H. Frick, state food commissioner, will be in Columbia tomorrow. He will meet the members of the Women's Civic League at the Athens Hotel at 9 o'clock in the morning. Mr. Frick and the members of the Civic League will inspect the food supply houses in town. After the inspection the health committee will rate the houses and publish the ratings.

About sixty-seven letters were sent out to these houses asking if they would care to have the health committee visit them and make this rating. Most of them replied that they would and have entered heartily into the plan with the Civic League.

BEN GREET HERE MAY 29-30

Outdoor Players Will Precede Stunt Week.

The Ben Greet Players will appear at the University May 29 and 30. This will just precede stunt week.

The program will be Mr. Greet's usual outdoor production of early mortality plays.

DEAN WILLIAMS HERE PROBABLY MAY 14

Sails From Yokohama to Preside at Journalism Week.

PROGRAM COMPLETE

Many Well-Known Women Writers Will Speak This Year.

Dean Walter Williams of the School of Journalism sailed from Yokohama last Sunday and will be in Columbia not later than May 14, to preside at the meetings of Journalism Week. He will stop in San Francisco for a conference regarding an international press convention.

Programs of Journalism Week giving the list of speakers and subjects, as far as they are now known, will be sent out this week.

Among the newspaper women who will speak here Journalism Week, May 18 to 22 inclusive, are: Mrs. Elizabeth M. Gilmer (Dorothy Dix), special writer for The New York Evening Journal; Miss Kathryn Richardson, special writer for The New St. Louis Star; Miss Katherine M. Styles, managing editor of The Herald-Leader, Menominee, Mich.; Miss Ada Patterson, special writer for The New York American; Mrs. W. E. Ewing of The Missouri Ledger.

Other speakers from all parts of the country are: Medill McCormick, publisher, The Chicago Tribune; Paul T. Cutter, The Associated Press, Chicago; Thomas Dreier, editor, Associated Advertising; H. W. Brundage, assistant publisher, Los Angeles Tribune and Express, and T. W. LeQuatte, advertising manager, Successful Farming, and Paul Brown, St. Louis Republic.

Noted Cartoonist Coming.

W. J. Pilkington, editor, Merchants Trade Journal; Herbert Johnson, cartoonist, The Saturday Evening Post; Charles Nagel, ex-secretary of Commerce and Labor; H. N. Riecke, editorial director, The Scripps-McLear League; William H. Hamby, humorist; A. L. Bizby, humorist, Nebraska State Journal and O. R. McDonald, advertising manager, Des Moines Packing Co., are coming.

Earle W. Hodges, lieutenant-governor of Arkansas; William Emmet Moore, managing editor, The Chicago Inter-Ocean; Herbert S. Houston, Doubleday Page & Co.; Captain Henry King, editor, St. Louis Globe-Democrat; V. L. Price, president, St. Louis Ad Men's League; Frank Leloy Blanchard, editor, The Editor and Publisher and Journalist.

J. W. Morrison, literary editor, The Kansas City Star; W. J. Hill, the Courier-Post; Monte Crews, artist, New York City; Ralph Baird, staff photographer, The Kansas City Post; Roy Edmonds, night editor, The St. Louis Republic; H. R. Palmer, assistant city editor, The Kansas City Star; J. P. Cargill, telegraph editor, The St. Joseph News-Press.

Joe Mitchell Chapple, editor, The National Magazine; Lee Shippey, The Jeffersonian; Fred Naeter, president, Missouri Press Association; Sidney J. Roy, Hannibal; Colonel B. B. Herbert, editor, National Printer-Journalist; John F. Case, editor, Missouri Ruralist; J. V. Linck, assistant sporting editor, The St. Louis Republic; C. N. Marvin, editor, The Sentinel-Post; William Southern, Jr., editor, Jackson Examiner; H. S. Neal, efficiency expert; W. M. Hailey, editor, Barry Record.

Missouri Editor Speakers.

Missouri editors of small-town papers, who will speak are: Robert W. Jones, Columbia Tribune; Irving Gilmer, Liberty Tribune; W. J. Sewall, Carthage Press; Omar D. Gray, Sturgeon Leader; C. O. Dorsey, Braymer Bee; Don C. McVey, Trenton Republican-Tribune; T. V. Bodine, Paris Mercury; Mitchell White, Mexico Ledger; C. L. Hobart, Holden Progress; H. J. Blanton, Paris Appeal; Jewell Mayes, secretary of the State Board of Agriculture and editor of the Richmond Missourian.

Change in Katy Schedules.

The Katy announces the following changes in schedule effective today. The train formerly leaving Columbia at 8 o'clock in the morning will leave at 8:50. The one leaving at 12:30 is changed to 1:25, the 11:35 train at night will leave at 11:55. The train arriving at 9:20 in the morning will arrive at 10 o'clock and the night train will arrive at 11:50 instead of 11:30.